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1. SUMMARY: THE CENTRAL CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (CCAA) HAS ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT IT HAS DENIED APPLICATIONS BY WORLD AIRWAYS TO FLY THREE CHARTER FLIGHTS USING DC 8-63 (STRETCH VERSION) AIRCRAFT TO POLAND THIS SUMMER. CCAA OFFICIALS SAID THE OVERCROWDING AT OKECIE AIRPORT WOULD PREVENT THEM FROM BEING ABLE TO RECEIVE AIRCRAFT WITH CAPACITIES OF 250 OR MORE PASSENGERS, SUCH AS THOSE MENTIONED IN THE WORLD AIRWAYS APPLICATION. WE HAVE TOLD OFFICIALS IN THE LONDON OFFICE OF WORLD AIRWAYS (WA) OF THIS DECISION. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE POLISH ACTION AND SAID THEY MAY CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. WORLD AIRWAYS APPLIED ON DECEMBER 14, 1976, FOR PERMISSION TO FLY THREE CHARTERS TO POLAND DURING THE SUMMER OF 1977. THE LETTER OF APPLICATION INDICATED THAT EITHER BOEING 747S OR DOUGLAS DC-8S, WITH CAPACITIES OF 250 PASSENGERS, WOULD BE USED. AFTER  
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DISCUSSING THE CASE WITH CCAA OFFICIALS, THE EMBASSY WROTE WA ON FEBRUARY 8 TO ADVISE THEM THAT THE POLES WOULD PROBABLY NOT APPROVE ITS REQUESTED FLIGHTS. THE CCAA APPARENTLY NOTIFIED THE COMPANY DURING THE FOLLOWING WEEK THAT IT HAD DENIED THE APPLICATION.

3. WA OFFICIALS THEN CALLED TO REQUEST THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE

IN HAVING THE APPLICATION RECONSIDERED. THEY EXPLAINED THAT ONLY DC 8-63S WOULD BE FLOWN AND PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES OF THE PROPOSED FLIGHTS. THEY SAID THAT DENIAL WOULD BE UNFAIR, SINCE WA HAD FLOWN THIS SAME AIRCRAFT TO POLAND FOR CHARTERS IN 1972 AND 1973.

4. AT THE REQUEST OF THE EMBASSY, THE CCAA AGREED TO RECONSIDER THE APPLICATION. THE POLES INDICATED THAT THEIR MAIN CONCERN WAS THE HEAVY CONGESTION AT OKECIE AIRPORT, WHERE THEY SAID TRAFFIC HAD DOUBLED SINCE 1973, AND THE INABILITY TO PROCESS LARGE NUMBERS OF PASSENGERS ARRIVING ON ONE FLIGHT. WE ASKED THEM TO CONSIDER OTHER POSSIBLE ARRIVAL TIMES WHICH MIGHT ALLOW THEM TO ACCOMMODATE THE WA FLIGHTS. ON MARCH 10 THE CCAA ADVISED US THAT THEY HAD RECONSIDERED THE APPLICATION, BUT THAT IT MUST STILL BE DENIED.

5. POLISH OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS BY WA TO FLY SMALLER AIRCRAFT (SUCH AS 707S OR 727S) WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING SERVICED AT OKECIE. THEY ALSO SAID THEY ARE CONSIDERING ASKING FOREIGN AIRLINES WHETHER THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY SPECIAL CHARTER FEES TO COVER COSTS OF A NEW BUILDING FOR RECEIVING CHARTER PASSENGERS AT OKECIE BEGINNING IN 1978. THEY SAID SUCH A FACILITY WOULD SERVE WIDE-BODY OR STRETCH AIRCRAFT ON A TEMPORARY BASIS UNTIL THE OKECIE II TERMINAL IS BUILT.

6. WE HAVE REMINDED THE POLES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OF THEIR UNDERTAKING IN THE MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION OF JUNE 18, 1976, TO TREAT SCHEDULED AND NON-SCHEDULED U.S. CARRIERS ALIKE WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPECT TO CHARTER APPLICATIONS. THEY HAVE REAFFIRMED THIS STATEMENT OF POLICY AND HAVE SAID THEIR DECISION WITH REGARD TO WA IS NOT DISCRIMINATORY.

7. COPIES OF EMBASSY CORRESPONDENCE WITH WA ARE BEING SENT TO EUR/EE.  
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